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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The due date for payment of the issue fee was January 2, 2004; the issue fee for this application was submitted on October 23, 2003.

The reason for withdrawal from issue is to permit consideration of a Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) filed concurrently herewith, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), which includes submission of an Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the sum of \$900.00 (\$130.00 fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) and \$770.00 fee for a Request For Continued Examination), as well as any additional required fees in this case to Deposit Account number 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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